

CITY OF WHITE SALMON

Joint Meeting with White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District – Thursday, May 9, 2019

Council and Administrative Personnel Present

Council Members:

Jason Hartmann Marla Keethler Ashley Post

Amy Whiteman

Staff Present:

Dave Poucher, Mayor
Pat Munyan, City Administrator
Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer
Ken Woodrich, City Attorney

Park District Members:

Ben Briggs Lloyd DeKay Karen Skiles Troy Witherrite **Staff Members/Volunteers:**

Jane Palmer, Volunteer

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Poucher called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There were approximately 15 people present.

2. Roll Call

Council Member Donna Heimke was absent and Park District Member Catherine Loke was absent.

3. 2019 Operation and Maintenance of City of White Salmon Pool/2020-2021 Metropolitan Park District Operation, Maintenance and Demolition of White Salmon City Pool

Pat Munyan, City Administrator reviewed the letters from Klickitat County Health Department, AWC Risk Management Service Agency, and a second letter from Klickitat County Health Department (not on letterhead nor signed) which outlined and/or supported the necessary repairs in order to open the pool for the 2019 season.

The city council and park district discussed the feasibility about opening the City of White Salmon pool for 2019 and 2020 including who would be responsible for running the pool each year.

The Park District indicated they do not have the ability to operate the pool in 2019 and would want to contract with the City of White Salmon to operate the pool in 2020.

There was discussion between the city council and the park district as to what the November 2018 ballot measure said in the voter's pamphlet.

Pat Munyan noted that the three biggest issues that need to be addressed before the pool can open are time consuming and it is already May 9.

There was discussion about the timeframe in which the pool could reasonably be opened for the 2019 season with the earliest opening late June/early July. It was noted that for Community Partners to do the volunteer work to get the pool open an agreement would be needed with a specific scope of work and associated costs which would, in itself, take time to get developed.

The park district said they believe that the repairs could be done in a reasonable about of time for a reasonable amount of money. It was noted the question is really whether the repairs should be done for a pool that is scheduled to be removed in 2021.

The city council and park district agreed to be unified on the decision the city council made previously about closing the pool and moving forward to work on getting a new pool built as soon as possible.

The city council and park district discussed responsibilities. Ken Woodrich suggested a Memorandum of Understanding between the two entities might be appropriate outlining responsibilities.

The park district noted that their attorney has advised them that the park district does not have a legal responsibility for the demolition of the White Salmon City Pool. The park district also reported that their attorney has advised them that the park district cannot purchase passes to the Hood River Aquatic Center and provide them to the citizens of the park district.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

David Poucher, Mayor

an Brending, Clerk-Treasurer